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(CONSUMER LOGISTICS)

REFS: A. STATE 254633 (DTG 230647Z OCT 77),
B. STATE 254713 (DTG 230655Z OCT 77)

1. WE PASSED TEXT OF PARA 5, REF A, BY NATO SECRET LETTER
ON OCTOBER 24, 1977, TO LTG HEISER (TF9 DIRECTOR). WE ALSO
RELEASED REF B AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THE ABOVE LETTER.

2. WHILE WE AND USDELMC HAVE NO MAJOR PROBLEM, WE DO ANTI-
CIPATE QUESTIONS AND THEREFORE REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF
THE FOLLOWING:

- A. SCOPE OF LOC (PARA 5.,1,A(1), REF A).WE ASSUME
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THAT YOU ARE USING A BROAD DEFINITION OF LOC, WHICH WOULD
INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS REAR AREA SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR
OPERATING FORCES, RATHER THAN THE NARROWER NATO DEFINITION.
EVEN SO, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE US KEY PROGRAM EMPHASES
ARE SOMEWHAT UNBALANCED IN FAVOR OF MUNITIONS. WE APPRE-
CIATE CRITICAL AND PERHAPS OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF
MUNITIONS PROBLEMS, BUT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN

THIS UNUSUALLY HEAVY EMPHASIS.

- B. COMMON LOC SYSTEM. (PARA 5.,1,A(1), REF A) TASK
FORCE #9 ROLE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLLOCATED OPERATING
BASES (COBS). SINCE COBS PERTAINS TO ENLARGING AIR BASING
ARRANGEMENTS IN EUROPE IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE AUGMENTATION
TACTICAL AIRCRAFT, IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THIS PROGRAM RE-
LATES TO A COMMON LOC SYSTEM.

3. COMMON-FUNDED MUNITIONS STOCKS. (PARA 5.,1,B(2) REF A)
WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ON THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS SUGGESTED IN
THIS SUB-PARAGRAPH. CONSIDERING THE HISTORIC US POSITION
ON COMMON OR COOPERATIVE STOCKING OF MUNITIONS. WE BELIEVE
IT ESSENTIAL TO BEGIN ACTION NOW TO REMOVE US LEGISLATIVE
RESTRICTIONS THAT COULD PREVENT IMPLEMENTATION OF SACEUR
EMERGENCY STOCK MUNITIONS, SINCE SUB-PARA 5.,1,B(2) REF A
CALLS FOR A PRIOR NATO POLICY ACTION ON THIS ISSUE.

4. WE HAVE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THESE POINTS WITH LTG
HEISER, AND HE AGREES THAT CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY.
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